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GROUNDWORK FOR PROTEST Hundreds of antinuclear activists organized by the environmentalist group Greenpeace form a human legend "No to BNPP" (Bataan Nuclear Power Plant) at the Sunken Garden on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City, as part of a campaign against recent moves by lawmakers to revive the mothballed facility in Morong town in Bataan.

World won't accept another Edsa—GMA

People told to learn, not relive, 1st revolt

By Christian V. Esguerra

NO MORE EDSA, PLEASE.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, herself a beneficiary of an Edsa People Power revolt, wants no more of such popular uprisings, saying another upheaval would only earn "condemnation" from the rest of the world.

"The world embraced Edsa I in 1986. The world tolerated Edsa II in 2001. The world will not forgive an Edsa III, but it will instead condemn the Philippines as a country whose political system is hopelessly unstable," she said.

Ms Arroyo has been a target of coup plots since she took office eight years ago.

She spoke yesterday during a wreath-laying ceremony at the

WORLD/ A21



SPIRIT OF EDSA President Macapagal-Arroyo salutes at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a wreath-laying ceremony marking the 1986 Edsa Revolution.

To Obama, RP no longer a key US ally

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

WHEN US SECRETARY OF STATE Hillary Clinton embarked on her first visit to Asia last week, she signaled Washington's "deep commitment to Asia and the Pacific alliance system."

Speaking at the Asia Society in New York, Clinton said: "The US is committed to maintaining our historic security alliances in Asia and building on those relationships to counter the complex global threats we face."

On first examination, it appears she was referring to the Philippines' security alliance with the United States. If we read it as such, we would be extremely disappointed and would

TO OBAMA/ A11

2 winners of ₱347-M lotto jackpot

By Nancy Carvajal

TWO BETTORS FROM LUZON last night won the ₱347.0-million jackpot for the 6/49 Super Lotto, the biggest prize since online gaming was launched in the country in 1995, according to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

After 21 draws, two bettors finally picked the winning combination: 6-12-20-28-33-34.

Because no one won the prize

2 WINNERS/ A8



23 YEARS AGO

Enrile explains hurt over Edsa I rites

By Fe Zamora

TWENTY-THREE YEARS AFTER the 1986 People Power Revolution, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday gave those who cared to listen a peek at what had been hurting him, why he had been snubbing official celebrations of the historic uprising.

The anniversary of Edsa I is officially observed every Feb. 25, the day the dictator Ferdinand Marcos fled Malacañang and Corazon Aquino was sworn in as President.

But Enrile, the defense minister of Marcos, and members of the Reform the AFP Movement, which was renamed Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa (RAM)—the once shadowy unit that sparked the revolt—have stayed away from these festivities.

Instead, they have been

ENRILE/ A21

Storytellers explore ways of loving nature

By Lawrence de Guzman and Schatzi Quodala
Inquirer Research

THEY CAME ALL THE WAY from Baguio City for a special read-along session at the Inquirer office in Makati City, featuring stories about love of nature and the many ways to show it.

Three returning readers—Ms Earth-Water 2006 Cathy Untalan, child actress Angelique Velez and award-winning storyteller Dyali Justo—graced Friday's event, the highlight of a daylong field trip for about 50 students from Baguio's Step Learning Academy.

In the costume of Mother Nature, Untalan narrated the "The New Adventures of the Eco De-

STORYTELLERS/ A21



VISUAL AIDES Story reader Cathy Untalan (right) is assisted by performing students of General Pio del Pilar National High School.

Too predictable? Oscars aim to shake things up

LOS ANGELES—ACADEMY Awards organizers are going all out to inject more suspense into Hollywood's biggest party on Sunday (Monday morning in Manila).

If only the competition itself would cooperate.

While there are close races in key categories, this year's show again suffers from a predictability factor for the top prize. Best picture is expected to go to "Slumdog Millionaire," the movie that has won the same honor at every other awards ceremony that matters.

Predictability can translate into a ho-hum attitude among TV viewers, who are less likely to sit through a marathon Oscar broadcast just to hear a winner announced at the end of the evening that everyone expected beforehand.

TOO PREDICTABLE/ A11

New faces lead Abu Sayyaf comeback

NOT LONG AGO, ABU SAYYAF bandits were dismissed as all but dead—thanks to a much-heralded joint effort against terrorism by the US and the Philippine military.

Now, there is fear that the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf is making a comeback.

The Moro extremist group has been blamed for a spate of kidnappings in recent months. The latest victim is a Sri Lankan peace worker who was seized on Basilan Island earlier this month.

The Abu Sayyaf raised more than ₱70 million ($1.5 million) last year through ransoms, and its ranks rose to 400 members last year from 383 in 2007, a confidential government report noted.

Also, new leaders are rising to take the place of those captured by US-backed troops.

The rebirth of the Abu Sayyaf has raised renewed fears of terrorism.

So far, the Abu Sayyaf has focused on raising money

NEW FACES/ A11



Awards for the worst: 3 Razzies for 'Love Guru'

LOS ANGELES—YES there were people who actually saw these movies.

"The Love Guru" won three Razzies on Saturday for worst picture, worst actor for Mike Myers, and worst screenplay, which Myers cowrote.

Another big winner was Paris Hilton,

AWARDS/ A11

Second FRONTPAGE

SUPERLOTTO 6/49: 6 12 20 26 33 36 — P347,836,903.20

Halt RP-US military exercises–Biazon

Let's resolve questions on custody of erring soldiers first, says senator

FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY—ALL JOINT military exercises planned by the Philippines and the United States should be suspended pending the resolution of new questions on the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA), Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said here on Saturday.

Different take

Damper on SC ruling

JPE: House needs our OK

WINNING NUMBERS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2009: 23 54 17 59 11 JACKPOT: P10,153,039.00

7-year cleanup plan for Pasig to be launched

THE MOVE TO REHABILITATE the dying Pasig River will be launched to the press and public on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Makati Park and Garden.

"Kapit Bisig sa Ilog Pasig" is a massive seven-year cleanup that also aims to change people's consciousness about the river around which the city of Manila sprang.

Spearheaded by ABS-CBN Foundation, in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission, the campaign has the support of seven local government units that abut the river and the Department of Science and Technology.

Welcome remarks will be delivered by Eugenio Lopez III, chair and CEO of ABS-CBN, while the presentation of the campaign will be made by Gina Lopez, managing director of ABS-CBN Foundation.

Guest speaker is Environment Secretary Lito Atienza.

Those wishing to join the press launch may take the shuttle service under the northbound Guadalupe MRT station between 10 a.m. and [illegible] a.m.

More information may be obtained from [illegible] of ABS-CBN Corporate Communications Division through mobile [illegible]. *[illegible]*





Pinoy picked as judge at Cannes Lions int'l ad fest

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GMA to attend Asean summit on global crisis

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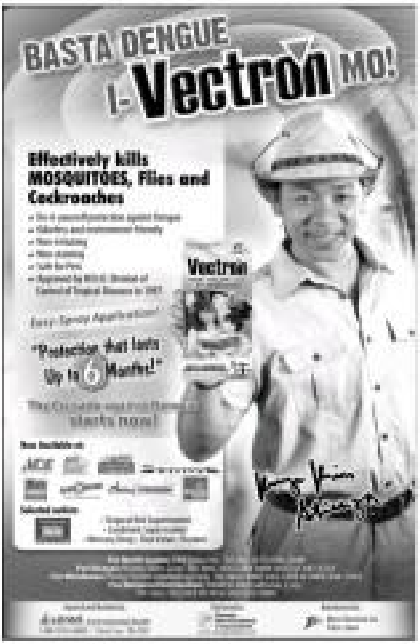
Bali in May

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Crisis meeting

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Bishops to go 'one on one' with solons on RH bill



House set to block tuition hike—Nograles



RP bans China beef, Belgian fowl imports

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'They're a threat'

American help

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3 commanders

To Obama, RP no longer a key US ally

Foreign policy overhaul

Calls to abrogate VFA

One-sided feature

Charm offensive


PREMIER
"Tumigil ang mundo para sa isang bituin."
And indeed, it happened. The scorching heat of the sun didn't get in the way for the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) community to gather together and make history on the opening of the Lasallian Festival 2009 (LSF '09). More than ten thousand, including administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and benefactors, took part in the formation of the biggest human Lasallian star and witnessed an event that would be forever etched in the minds of the participants.
As a big and bold attempt to enter the Guinness World Record for the title Biggest Human Lasallian Star, Lasallians marched their way to the oval where the star with a diameter of 87.42m and an area of 2,743 sq. m. would be formed. It was a sight to behold as the perimeter of the Lasallian star was slowly being filled by the throng of participants clad in green and white shirts, and it was even more goose bumps-causing when the crowd sang the Alma Mater Hymn, taking pride of such great undertaking.
The event is more than just setting a world record as it paved way to augmenting the funds for the Dee La Salle Scholarship Endowment Fund when participants gave at least a peso each, proving further that the possibilities are endless in attaining even the big and bold of challenges.
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La Salle-Dasma
This is not the first time DLSU-D ventured into something as remarkable. From a college with only two divisions and 15 faculty, DLSU-D at present offers several programs through its seven colleges led by high-caliber faculty and administrators. Its population has marked more than twelve thousand and is expected to increase in the succeeding years. In its 31 years as an academic institution and 21 years under De La Salle management, DLSU-D has been unfaltering in its endeavor to nurture the innate abilities and genius of its students, thus producing graduates who are highly competent, globally competitive, and morally upright.
DLSU-D is continually exerting bold efforts to further strengthen its stand as Cavite's premier university. Soon to rise are the Ayuntamiento de Gonzalez which takes design inspiration from the administration building in Intramuros, circa 1876, and the Hotel de Oriente which is patterned after the first hotel in the Philippines. The first electric jeep in Cavite will soon be officially launched, while a comic adaptation of the life and work of St. John Baptist de La Salle will be enjoyed by the academic community come SY 2009-2010.
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Neal H. Cruz

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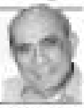
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The problem about Corporal Smith

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Permanently poor

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Manuel L. Quezon III



Thailand revisited

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan



'GMA cares'—yes, but for what?



LETTERS

Cagas: Nakasaka is not Alsa Masa

Arrested 'agent' in SK not ours

SSS investments made by committee

Cities may also tax delivery trucks



Joker argued Senate cases before Supreme Court

GSIS pensions due on first day of the month





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- We recognize our people's longing for change and their desire for a new breed of leader.

We have chosen BGen. Danilo "Danny" Lim for the following reasons:

- He has the essential leadership qualities to steer us towards our vision;
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- He has consistently displayed uncommon valor and patriotism in the face of extremely difficult situations.

We have been forged in adversity; we are now ready to answer the call of duty...

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Too predictable? Oscars aim to shake things up

Awards for the 'worst'

Gov't to bid out more infra projects

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—DESPITE ALLEGATIONS of rigged bidding for World Bank funded projects, the government is all set to bid out this month 60 percent of the country's farm-to-market road projects for this year, Presidential Management Staff chief Hermogenes Esperon said here on Friday.

'Learning without fear' drive starts



CAVALRY

DBM raises alarm over road projects

Help of datus, Muslim clerics sought on kidnap case

15 workers to file illegal dismissal case vs firm

Nun, group charge Army troops with harassment

NEWSBRIEFS

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Rebels burn 11 vehicles of 2 logging firms in Aurora

NAGA CITY

Journalism schools to open in June

DAVAO CITY

More cheap NFA rice for Davao Sur markets



Australian soldiers in Lingayen Gulf war hailed

Tax official gets back position in Cagayan de Oro

Usurpation of authority

Antique village exec disowns e-mails about slain girl

World won't accept another Edsa–GMA

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Boldness

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Different kind of boldness

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'Live Edsa'

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Storytellers explore ways of loving nature

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Environmental education

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Enthusiasm

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Reading can be fun

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Well-loved mascots

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Love amid hard times

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Enrile explains hurt over Edsa I rites

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Final judge

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Plot uncovered

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2 options

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Calls from Sin, Cory

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₱7 minimum jeep fare starts today

Transport board urges public to report violators to hotline

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE CHIEF OF THE LAND Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) yesterday warned jeepney drivers in Metro Manila, Central and Southern Luzon to charge only P7 for the minimum fare starting today or else, they would face the cancellation of their franchise.

At the Balitaan sa Tinapayan forum, LTFRB Chair Alberto Suansing urged the public to report to the agency jeepney drivers who refuse to abide by the order he issued last week reducing the minimum fare in selected areas from P7.50 to P7.

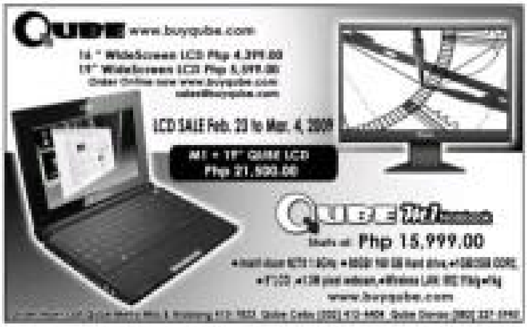
For each succeeding kilometer, the charge is still P1.40.

Suansing said the complaints should be sent through text to 0918-9447991. It should include the plate number of the jeepney in addition to where and when the incident of overcharging took place.

Public utility buses, he explained, were not

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MMDA eyes organized dispatch system for jeeps

MMTA MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

METROBRIEFS

Worker crushed to death

3-act opera slated tonight

₱7 jeep fare



ILLEGAL VENDORS ON FOOTBRIDGES

Metro Citizen's call

Clogged canal in Caloocan City

Manila busy street turned into terminal

Streamers proliferate in Quezon City

Steep sidewalks, lack of parking space

Overpriced NFA rice

Helpless jeepney passengers in Rizal

Leaking pipe on Del Monte Street

Lights needed on Pasig Street

Arrest near in 2001 slay of intern Chandra Levy



CHANDRA Levy in this undated photo.

WASHINGTON—INVESTIGATORS IN a high-profile 2001 slaying of a young woman romantically linked to a US congressman have prepared an arrest warrant for a Salvadoran immigrant convicted of similar attacks in the park where she disappeared, a person close to the investigation said on Saturday.

The person told The Associated Press that Ingmar Guandique's arrest for the murder of Chandra Levy is imminent and an official announcement is expected soon. The person was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Levy had just completed an internship with the US Bureau of Prisons when she went missing in May 2001 in Washington, DC. The 24-year-old was wearing jogging clothes when she vanished, and her remains were discovered in Rock Creek Park a year later.

Authorities questioned former US Rep. Gary Condit in Levy's disappearance, but he was never a suspect in her death. Condit was reportedly having an affair with Levy, and the negative publicity from the case was cited as a main reason the California lawmaker lost reelection in 2002.

Guandique, 27, has denied any involvement in Levy's disappearance and killing. However, investigators interviewed him in the Levy case after he was convicted of attacking two women joggers in Rock Creek Park shortly after her disappearance.

Guandique was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for those attacks. The federal Bureau of Prisons lists no inmate in California with the same surname and age, but with the spelling Guandiqui instead of Guandique. A message seeking comment was not returned.

Levy's father, Robert Levy said Washington, DC, police chief Cathy Lanier called his home last Friday and said there would be an arrest in a few days.

Robert Levy said he and his wife, Susan, were not told the identity of the person to be arrested "but we all know who it is." He would not elaborate but said they would favor a life sentence for the killer.

"If someone is executed, they really don't suffer too much," he said from his home in Modesto, California.

A second person aware of the investigation, a law enforcement official who spoke to investigators, said on Saturday that the break in the case came in part from DNA evidence. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Levy investigation is ongoing, said DNA evidence was either retested or collected, and it was connected to Guandique.

The official said DC police have interviewed Guandique at least twice, and the case has been sent to a grand jury.

A lawyer for Condit said the new evidence clears the former congressman.

"This should give the Levys the answer and closure they deserve, and remove the sullen cloud that has hung over the Condits for too long," said Abbe Lowell, a Washington lawyer.

Condit said in a statement to WJLA-TV in Washington that he was glad the Levy family was finally getting answers.

"For my family, I am glad that their years of standing together in the face of such adversity have finally led to the truth," the statement said. "It is unfortunate that an insatiable appetite for sensationalism blocked so many from searching for the real answers for so long. I had always hoped to have the opportunity to tell my side of this story, but too many were not prepared to listen." *AP*

WorldBriefs

73 dead, dozens trapped in Chinese mine after blast

BEIJING—Seventy-three workers were confirmed dead and dozens trapped underground after a gas blast early Sunday at a Chinese colliery, the worst accident to hit the nation's mines in more than a year. More than 400 miners were on the job when the explosion ripped through the mine overnight, the official Xinhua news agency reported. Some of the victims died after being rescued from the mine, it said. Some of the miners trapped in the site outside Taiyuan, capital of the main coal-producing province of Shanxi, reportedly called their families on mobile phones from underground. *AP*

Boy charged with killing dad's pregnant girlfriend

WAMPUM, Pennsylvania—An 11-year-old boy shot his father's pregnant girlfriend in the back of the head while she was lying in bed in their western Pennsylvania farmhouse, then got on the school bus and went to school, authorities said on Saturday. Jordan Brown was charged on Saturday as an adult in the shooting death of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk, who was 8 months pregnant, Lawrence County District Attorney John Bongivengo said. Houk's family and friends said that Houk had experienced problems with the boy in the past. Brown, the son of Houk's live-in boyfriend, was charged with criminal homicide and criminal homicide of an unborn child, Bongivengo said. *AP*

Saint Laurent art auction billed 'sale of the century'

PARIS—From the Picassos that graced his walls to historic artifacts and hundreds of sculptures, the artwork that inspired late fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent has gone on display a few days before it is auctioned starting Monday, billed as "the sale of the century." The auction of the 733-piece collection will disperse in three days a collection that took Saint Laurent and his partner Pierre Berge half a century to amass. Highlights include Piet Mondrian's 1922 painting "Composition in Blue, Red, Yellow and Black," whose squares of saturated colors inspired Saint Laurent's legendary 1965 shift dresses; a wooden sculpture by Romanian Constantin Brancusi that is expected to sell for $19 million-$25 million; and a pair of bronze animal heads that disappeared from a Beijing palace in 1860 and that China now wants removed from the auction and returned. *AP*

Priest who aided lepers in Hawaii to become saint

VATICAN CITY—A 19th-century Belgian priest who ministered to leprosy patients in Hawaii will be declared a saint on Oct. 11 at a Vatican ceremony presided over by Pope Benedict XVI. The Rev. Damien de Veuster's canonization date was set on Saturday during a meeting between Benedict and cardinals at the Apostolic Palace. In July, Benedict approved a miracle attributed to the priest's intercession, declaring that a Honolulu woman's recovery in 1999 from terminal lung cancer was the miracle needed for him to be made a saint. *AP*

Merck acquires biologic manufacturing capabilities

WHITEHOUSE STATION, NJ—Merck & Co. Inc. has announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Insmed Inc., to purchase the firm's portfolio of follow-on biologic therapeutic candidates and its commercial manufacturing facilities located in Boulder, Colo. "Insmed's pipeline of follow-on biologic candidates presents the opportunity to expedite Merck's entry into the biologics marketplace as well as providing unique manufacturing resources and an experienced team of protein experts," said Frank K. Clyburn, senior vice president and general manager, Merck BioVentures. "This agreement represents a strong strategic fit for Merck as we aggressively expand and advance our portfolio of developmental follow-on biologics." Merck, through an affiliate, will pay Insmed $130 million in cash to acquire all rights to the Boulder facilities and Insmed's pipeline of follow-on biologic candidates.

The WORLD

BBC: Iran offered to stop Iraq attacks for nuke deal

LONDON—IRAN OFFERED TO STOP ATTACKING troops in Iraq if the West dropped opposition to its nuclear program, a top British official said in comments to be broadcast on Saturday.

US finds 13 civilians died in Afghan strike



CANCER-STRICKEN reality TV star Jade Goody, left, and her fiance Jack Tweed share a kiss on Feb. 21.

Dying star's reality TV marriage grips Britain

Clinton uses celebrity diplomacy for America

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

SPORTS

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HOW SWEET IT IS. Rolly Pla-la is hoisted by players and officials of the Carlsberg team after the Sugar Barons capped their fourth straight PAL Interclub seniors crown by weathering the stiff challenge of Luisita.

Sugar Barons triumph

Sugar Barons make it 4 straight

Canlubang holds off Luisita by 8 strokes to rule PAL seniors tilt



PSC: Valdez killing shows lack of discipline



VALDEZ

Bickering may doom RP's SEAG bid in Laos

Angping cuts down staff

Peñalosa decisions Meraz

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Makati 'Big Event' up

SJC derby today

Pool hero Orcollo vows comeback in 2009

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Menor quits San Beda 5

By Cedelf P. Tupas



Hatton fight is my hardest, says Pacman

Martinez admits diverting funds

By Cedelf P. Tupas

It's time to help Filipino sportswriters - MVP

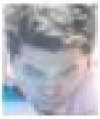


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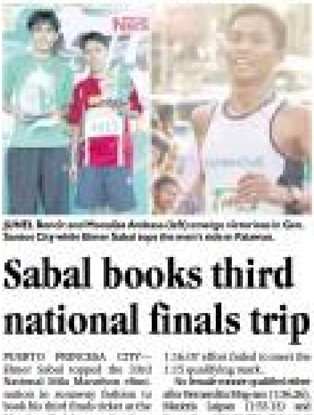
Django, Gomez set up title duel



BUSTAMANTE



GOMEZ



Sabal books third national finals trip



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BUSINESS



RCBC nears deal to acquire Export Bank



PHILIPPINES-BASED electronics manufacturing firms have suffered a steady stream of order cancellations from foreign clients all throughout 2008.

Listed firm with 50 branches, ₱32-B assets

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE YUCHENGCOS' RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKing Corp. is in talks to acquire a controlling stake in Export and Industry Bank as part of its strategy to expand its branch network notwithstanding a turbulent global financial environment.

It's déjà vu for Philippine electronics manufacturers

SPECIAL REPORT

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Gov't open to privatization of Bataan nuke plant

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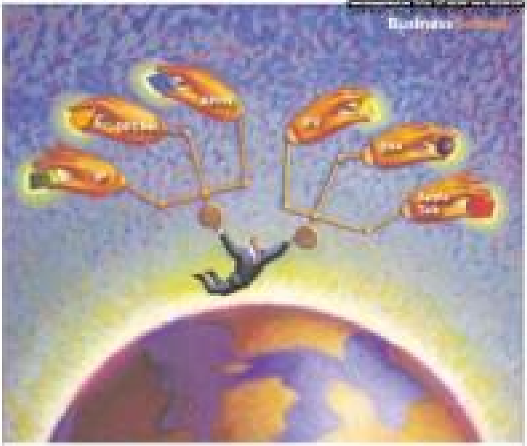
Gov't sees bigger budget gap for '09

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Virtually Perfect

PLDT Metro Ethernet unites IP & non-IP And may be the "future-proof" hi-tech network migration CIOs need

By Walter Ray Choi



Future Proof / Past Perfect

Gatchalian firm avoids foreclosure of 2 Cebu hotels

Settles P740-M loan to PNB

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Abotiz to bid for Napocor plants

By Roy B. Rivera

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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Nenaco wants out of rehabilitation

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

NEGROS NAVIGATION CO. (NENACO) HAS asked the Manila Regional Trial Court for the go-signal to exit from its four-year rehabilitation program saying it has successfully implemented its financial recovery plan.

In documents filed before Branch 46 of the Manila RTC, the shipping company said that since the court approved Nenaco's rehabilitation plan last Oct. 5, 2004, it has achieved the targets set in its recovery scheme.

These include getting back the hotel and housekeeping services of its passenger vessels as well as the arrastre and cargo handling services in Banago Port, Bacolod City, resulting in an annual revenue of P80 million.

It also sold its nonfuel efficient shipping vessels, bought cargo vessel M/V Don Ignacio Eros and improved the operations of its three passenger/cargo vessels and three cargo vessels.

As a result of these moves, Nenaco posted a profit of P298 million in 2007 from a net loss of P836 million in 2004.

Under the rehabilitation plan, Nenaco has to restructure a total of P3 billion in debt, of which P1.063 billion is secured.

To date, both secured and unsecured debts are covered by settlement agreements.

Nenaco argued that terminating the rehabilitation proceedings would improve the profitability of the business since it would erase the stigma of being in rehabilitation.

The shipping firm also said that with its exit from rehabilitation, it would regain its credit standing and access new working capital.

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By Abigail L. Ho

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Local scientists get pointers from Taiwan

By Abigail L. Ho

FILIPINO SCIENTISTS UNDER the country's Engineering Research and Development for Technology (ERDT) program have touched base with technology firms in Taiwan, in a bid to strike cooperation agreements and discuss the rollout of new technologies.

According to the Manila Economic and Cultural Office, an 18-person team from the ERDT program recently visited high-tech firms in the Hsinchu Science Park, including the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), National Applied Research Laboratories, National Nano Device Laboratories, Synergies on Chip Center at the National Chiao Tung University Innovation Incubation Center and the Tsing Hua University Incubation Center.

The ITRI is a research organization tasked with boosting Taiwan's competitiveness in industrial technology, while the National Applied Research and Nano Device Laboratories are agencies of Taiwan's Instrument Technology Research Center.

The ERDT team was led by Science and Technology Undersecretary Fortunato Dela Peña and UP College of Engineering Dean Rowena Guevara.

The group's visit to Taiwan was in line with the ERDT's plans to put up a new Technology Business Incubator within the year.

President Macapagal-Arroyo approved the ERDT program in April 2007 and gave it P3.3 billion in funds for three years.

The program covers eight local universities—the University of the Philippines-Diliman, University of the Philippines Los Baños, De La Salle University, Mapua Institute of Technology, Ateneo de Manila University, Mindanao State University-Iligan, University of San Carlos and Central Luzon State University that offer graduate degrees in different engineering fields.

Housing a bright spot for RP

By Ronnel W. Domingo

URBAN DEMAND FOR HOUSING WILL reach between 435,000 and 587,000 units this year as the real estate sector remains one of the bright spots of the domestic economy amid the worsening global financial crisis.

Gonzalo Benjamin A. Bongolan, president of the Home Guaranty Corp., said housing demand in 2009 was estimated at between 643,422 and 933,488 units.

However, supply has rarely exceeded 300,000 units in the past eight years and peaked at 221,000 in 2006.

He said that last year, supply grew 27.6 percent from some 173,000 the previous year, which is believed to have been due to the record 7.3-percent growth in the gross domestic product in 2007.

Bongolan said that in the same period, there was a 141-percent increase in the supply for condominiums and 59 percent in low-cost housing units, which he said indicates a growing preference for these packages.

Also, the HGC chief said the default rate of housing loans —or loans used to buy a residential property— settled at 7.42 percent as of 2007 from a 12-year peak of 13.67 percent in 2006.

For loans used to develop a subdivision or condominium, the default rate slid to 13.25 percent from a high of 38.57 percent in 2002.

"We are observing a growing preference for developmental housing loans and continued lending by government agencies and banks," Bongolan said.

He said the government's economic stimulus package, especially in infrastructure spending and monetary expansion should benefit the housing and real estate sector.

Still, Bongolan also said the sector was being threatened by the insecurity of jobs both here and abroad as well as the projected weakening of the dollar.

These may give rise to defaults on loans due to layoffs and retrenchments and the reduction of housing demand from OFWs.

"We expect to see pockets of distress, but not a generalized, across-the-board contraction (in the housing sector)," he said.

BSP allows thrift banks to open letters of credit

By Michelle V. Remo

THRIFT BANKS ARE NOW ALLOWED TO issue letters of credit to foreign merchants to service the needs of clients engaged in international trading, according to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said the central bank's Monetary Board agreed to lift the restriction on thrift banks to benefit small- and medium-sized enterprises, which usually go to thrift banks for their banking needs.

With the lifting of the restriction, thrift banks will be allowed to issue letters of credit (LCs) to their clients' foreign suppliers.

Prior to the decision, thrift banks were only allowed to issue peso-denominated letters of credit.

A letter of credit is a document issued by a bank to its client's supplier. It serves as proof that the buyer has enough money in the bank to pay for goods.

"Clients of banks in the SME sector are often underserved as far as this service is concerned. The decision of the Monetary Board will, therefore, benefit the SMEs," Tetangco said.

Tetangco said, however, that the lifting of the restriction was not absolute.

He explained that a thrift bank wanting to open a foreign-exchange LC facility must first meet stringent requirements.

One is that the thrift bank must have at least P1 billion in assets. Another is experience in issuing local currency LCs.

Also, a thrift bank must have a capital adequacy ratio of at least 10 percent.

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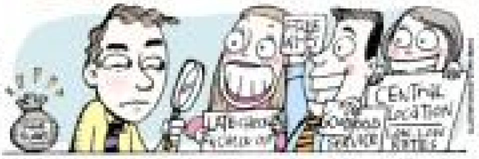
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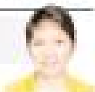




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Manny Colayco goes back to Sta. Rosa City, Laguna

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MANUEL J. COLAYCO JR. could have gone out of the housing sector when he retired from Ayala Land Inc. where he served as president of Laguna Properties Holdings Inc. (now Avida) and a longtime member of the ALI management team.

But the vibrant industry keeps pulling him back in.

"I will probably die faster if I will not do anything," explains the over 60-year-old executive who is perhaps best known in the real estate industry for putting Sta. Rosa in Laguna on the map and making it one of the top residential and enclaves south of Metro Manila.

So instead of just stopping to smell the flowers, Colayco grabbed at opportunities to cash in on the continuing demand for housing in the Philippines.

And he did not really have to stray too far from his old haunts.

One of his projects, for instance, involved again teaming up with his former boss at ALI, Francisco H. Licuanan III, to set up Geo Estate Development Corp., which is now in the middle of building The Beacon residential condominium project at the corner of A. Arnaiz and Chino Roces Avenue in Makati City.

Now that Geo Estate and The Beacon are up and running, it was off to another housing project, which this time brought him back to Sta. Rosa.

Colayco was invited into the project by a cousin who was part of the investment team behind Pallas Homes, a new real estate development company

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Look to agriculture, investors urged

WITH GLOBAL RECESSION now a grim reality, Filipinos hoping to strike it big may need to look at a particular sector with promising opportunities—agriculture.

Investment consultant Daniel Go said the agriculture sector best represents the consumer staples industry, a particular asset class that prospers even during the most difficult of economic conditions.

Boundless growth

"As an investment option, growth possibilities in the industry are boundless with the modernization of farming techniques, improved weather forecasting technologies, including renewed interest of the private sector together with government agencies, not to mention new demands in biofuel products," says Go.

Business-minded Filipinos, he adds, must take a look at the agriculture sector as an investment option.

"Countries like the United States, Japan, China and Taiwan trace their economic prosperity to agriculture," he explains. "These highly industrialized economies are also agricultural powerhouses. During a crisis, they may still feed their people with basic food staples provided by their agriculture industry."

Feasible option

Globalization is another reason why investing in agriculture is feasible.

"The agriculture playing field has changed a lot owing to globalization, where it has now leveled off, making the Philippine agriculture sector better exposed to the demands of a bigger market. Since the country is blessed with fertile land, skilled workers and a great tropical weather, we are at an advantage," he says.

On the other hand, Professor Leonor Briones, former head of the Bureau of Treasury, says that it is high time to invest in the agriculture sector now that recession is coming the Philippines in the face.

"The first priority of the country should be in food production, marketing and distribution. It has been proven time and again that agriculture is a very resilient sector, even during hard economic times," she explains.

However, Go notes that people should not just invest in any agriculture company. When choosing a company to invest in, they should look at the growth potential.

Asset class

He says AgriNurture Inc., one of the country's leading agro-commercial companies, fits this profile.

The business has a streamlined operation that is not hard to understand. It has a good business (farm-to-plate) model.

Focusing on importation, trading and fabrication of post-harvest agricultural equipment during its early years, ANI evolved to become an agro-industrial company that distributes agricultural products like fruits and vegetables to its network of clients that includes malls and hotels.

Credit goes to ANI's "farm-to-plate" business model that ensures a steady supply of high-quality fresh and processed agricultural food products.

Borrowed recipe starts 'pasalubong' business



TARTLAND owner Angie de la Cruz started out by selling tarts to schoolchildren.

Tartland makes its way into Baguio shopping list

By Desiree Caluza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—IN 1993, ANGELITA DE LA Cruz made use of her spare time to create pastries using a borrowed recipe from a friend.

She offered her creations to her fellow mothers while waiting to fetch their children from school. Little did she know that the experiment would create a business that steadily grew through word of mouth.

De la Cruz's chewy boat tarts and lengua de gato, under the brand "Tartland Baguio Pasalubong," have since been included in many tourists' list of "pasalubong" items.

"When I first tasted the tarts, I thought these would easily sell so I asked my best friend to lend me her recipe. I sold the ones I made to the mothers in school and they liked it a lot. That's when I thought that this product had a future," De la Cruz said.

With a P500 capital, De la Cruz started mixing a few egg yolks and flour to start the business.

She later thought of using the egg whites in creating lengua de gato to avoid wasting her ingredients.

In January 1994, De la Cruz went full blast with the business and started marketing her tart and lengua de gato (Spanish for cat's tongue), which are thin, crisp and buttery cookie strips.

Tartland found a steady stream of customers at the native delicacy section of the Baguio public market.

"Word of mouth kept the product growing. Tourists liked our product a lot. From then on, the business kept growing and it came to a point that the lengua de gato became our most popular product," De la Cruz said.

From a kitchen in Barangay Bakakeng, De la Cruz's production area has been transferred to the family's three-story building in Ambiong Heights in Barangay Camp 7 here.

De la Cruz now employs 20 workers who churn out Tartland's products.

She said the expansion of her business did not happen immediately. She credits patience and the commitment to deliver a top-quality product.

Her success in creating the Tartland brand earned her a citation from the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship-Go Negosyo as one of the "most inspiring entrepreneurs" in the Cordillera in August 2008.

With the market's acceptance of Tartland's tarts and lengua de gato, De la Cruz ventured into a new line of products that includes oatmeal cookies, jamm balls, leche flan and garlic pretzels.

She also launched sugar-free and low-fat lengua de gato in the Negosyohan 2008 regional trade fair at the SM Megamall.

De la Cruz said she started marketing Tartland products in Benguet, Cebu and the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon) area. Some products are also exported to Hawaii, Guam and Canada.

"I can say that the success of the business was a product of perseverance and discipline. We are committed to make quality products by ... doing research and learning more on how we can improve them," she said.



TARTLAND is best known for its lengua de gato, a best seller among Baguio tourists.

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It's time to help Filipino sportswriters - MVP



Sports Patron of the Year Manny V. Pangilinan receiving his award from PSA president Aldrin Cardona.

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Scouting for investment options amid global crisis

TODAY'S VOLATILE MARKETS CAN MAKE anyone uneasy about their finances.

Most would in fact prefer to weather the storm by holding on to cash or maintaining bank deposits, rather than putting them in bonds, corporate notes and other investment instruments.

With the right strategy, however, one can find opportunities to benefit even in this crisis.

There is no miracle cure for market turbulence, but there are ways to mitigate the risk associated with volatile financial markets, and eventually place one's self in a position to earn stable if not higher returns in the long run.

Lower returns

Holding on to money may be perceived to be of less risk in the short term, but keeping it idle may eventually translate to lower returns and diminished purchasing power due to inflation.

An option worth considering rather than keeping money in cash is participating in an investment fund, wherein the money of many investors is pooled into one big fund. Placing money in an investment fund allows investors several benefits.

They get access to experienced fund managers who constantly monitor and balance investment risks with return objectives through diversification and other strategies.

They also get better pricing on the purchase and sale of securities as these are dealt in the professional market, which is not usually available to individual clients with smaller amounts of funds.

"One such investment fund is the money market fund. This is one viable option for people who want to minimize the risk on their capital while meeting their short-term liquidity needs," says Josefina B. Salit, Metrobank executive vice president and head of trust banking group.

In the investment world, a money market fund is considered the most conservative investment fund because its portfolios are invested primarily in assets such as short-term government bonds and bank time deposits that are easily converted to cash and also provide better yields than traditional deposit products.

According to Salit, Metrobank money market fund portfolios are invested in these assets by as much as 80 percent for MetroDollar Money Market Fund and 100 percent for the peso-denominated MetroFund Xtra.

Good alternatives

"When there are financial uncertainties, money market funds are considered a good investment alternative, for as long as one sticks to the recommended investment horizon," shares Salit, who has been in the business of trust banking and investments for the past 20 years.

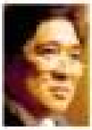
A weekly industry comparison of money market funds' year-on-year returns showed that MetroDollar Money Market Fund and MetroFund Xtra have consistently figured among the top performers of products in the same category and have consistently provided very competitive returns.

For example, as of Dec. 24, 2008, the performance of MetroFund Xtra is 5.33 percent year-on-year and MetroDollar Money Market Fund is 3.35 percent.

"Fund management is an area that Metrobank has proven to be an expert on. No matter what the prevailing economic conditions are, the welfare of all our clients and other stakeholders is top priority. This means balancing the interests of our clients and complying with our regulators such as the BSP who strictly monitors our industry," says Salit.

Professional managers

Although times are tough all around the world, and it may stay that way this year, investors will have the distinct advantage of having their funds managed by professionals like the Metrobank Trust Banking group.



Concert to raise funds for Nolyn Cabahug C2

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José Mari Avellana and Shamaine Centenera are best stage actors of 2008

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Concert for Nolyn Cabahug

THE COUNTRY'S TOP STAGE ARTISTS will perform in "Bravo ng Bayan, Ating Awitan: A Fundraising Concert for Nolyn Cabahug," Feb. 28, 8 p.m., at Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

The concert will try to raise funds for the tenor, who has been undergoing dialysis since his kidneys ceased functioning due to diabetes.

Artists to perform include Robert Seña, Isay Alvarez, Blaster Gutirrez, George Yang, Jennifer Uy, Juan Alberto Gaerlan, Mounith Sosa, Pinky Marquez, Hanasa, Jill Rodriguez, Lionel Cuico, Joy Abalos, Alexis Rebello, Florence Aguilar, Chelsea Ocampo, Rachelle Escudbar, Andrew Fernando, Michael Fullon, Renato Suma, Blake Lee, Joana Go, Jenny Aldovar-Delanos, Angelica, Karla Gutierrez, Lara Maigue, Mariel Ugoleria, Rochi Bautista, Jade Arreglado, Joel Villaflor, Jay Fernando, Lord Rebucas, Freddie Averion, Judy Arreglado, UP Concert Chorus, Manila Philharmonic Orchestra, Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra.

Director is Rodney Jimenez.

Born in Jaro, Iloilo City, Nolyn first gained prominence in his hometown, Negros Occidental, where he sang in a church choir.

From there, Nolyn earned a scholarship in voice sponsored by the Manila Metropolitan Theater (MET), where he learned the art of classical singing under the great soprano Irma Potenciano. He studied at University of the Philippines.

Nolyn also appeared in numerous musicals, productions, shows and full-scale operas, including "Rizaan," "Tosca," "Mephistopheles," "Dialogue of the Carmelites," "La Cofa Negra."

He sang the role of Cabesang Tales in the 1997 restaging of Felipe Padilla de Leon's "Noli Me Tangere," which toured key cities in the United States.

In 1998, he sang the role of Alfredo besides operatic soprano Doana Maria Zapata in Rolando Tinio's Filipino adaptation of "La Traviata."

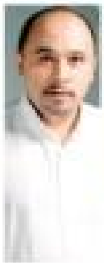
He has won numerous awards.

Tickets are at P1,000 and P5,000. Pledges in the form of checks made out to Nolyn Cabahug will be accepted at the venue.

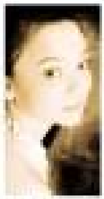
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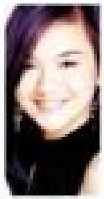
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WINNERS of the first Gawad Buhay! awards by Philstage pose for posterity.

José Mari Avellana...

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and there were only two production numbers: excerpts from Ballet Philippines' "La Revolucion Filipina" and Philippine Educational Theatre Association's "Skin Deep."

The first major winner announced for Outstanding Male Featured Performance in a Play was a popular choice, Jhong Cabrera of Tanghalang Pilipino's "Kudeta."

The young actor from Cebu was overcome by emotion and couldn't speak for a few moments. Finally, he thanked all his thanks to family, friends "and, of course, to God."

The female counterpart of the award went to Cris Villonco of Repertory Philippines' "Hamlet."

And in dance, it was Camille Ji Jones for Ballet Philippines' "Lorin Fest."

"Kudeta" was the most honored production with three other awards: Outstanding Lighting Design (Dennis Marasigan); Outstanding Set Design (Tuxqs Rutaquio); and Outstanding Translation or Adaptation (Vicente de Jesus III).

Wildly applauded

Also wildly applauded was José Mari Avellana, who bagged the Outstanding Male Lead Performance in a Play award for his electrifying performance in the Rep's "Tuesdays with Morrie."

In the female category, it was Shamaine Centenera ("Bakunawa ng Mga Bayan") who triumphed, capping a brilliant year for her.

A controversial Palanca Award-winning one-act play, "Bakunawa," also won top honors for its director, Floy Quintos, and for Outstanding Production of a One-Act Play.

The award for Outstanding Musical Production went to Peta's "Skin Deep." The play also won for Robert Seña and May Bayot the Outstanding Lead Performance in a Musical awards.

Vincent de Jesus, unopposed, was cited for Peta's "Batang Ilkot" and "Skin Deep" (Outstanding Original Libretto), and won for both.

Also unopposed for Outstanding Lead Performance were dancers Lisa Macuja (Ballet Manila's "Le Corsaire") and Ning Enriquez ("La Revolucion Filipina").

Agnes Locsin won for Outstanding Original Choreography in "La Revolucion Filipina," which was also chosen Outstanding Dance Production.

Tanghalang Pilipino's "Golden Child" chalked up three major awards: Outstanding Stage Direction (for Loy Arcenas); Outstanding Ensemble Performance; and Outstanding Set Design (also for Loy Arcenas).

In addition to a female featured performance, the Rep's "Hamlet" won the Outstanding Sound Design (Arthur Jeaquin) and Outstanding Costume Design (Fanz Pasayod).

The Gawad Buhay! Award of Philstage, now an annual event, is off to a good start. And it is expected it will be even more attention-calling and highly anticipated next year.

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Romeo Forbes remembered in exhibit



"WINDOW of the Soul"

"CRESCENT MOON," AN EXHIBITION of works by the late Romeo Forbes Jr., is ongoing at 1/of Gallery, 2/F, Shops at Serendra, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

Before he died, Forbes painted the illustrations for the children's book "Elias and His Trees." The paintings were showcased in his first one-man exhibition in June 2005, a sold-out show.

Forbes received numerous distinctions, including major prizes in the Letras Figuras Art Competition of Instituto Cervantes in 1998 and the Asia Europe Young Artists' Competition.

In 2001, he got the grand prizes in the Petron National Art Competition, Shell Art Competition and Asian Development Bank's Key Indicators Cover Design Competition.

"Elias and His Trees" was Forbes' only one-man show. In early 2006, he lost his battle against cancer. He was 24.

"Crescent Moon" runs until Feb. 28. Call 9003152.



"SALAY"

Ilocos Norte authorities save heritage

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

THE THREATENED DEMOLITION of Laoag Central Elementary School and the façade of Dingras church in Ilocos Norte has resulted in a unified stand by community and government to protect the built heritage in the province, possibly the first time in the country that all sectors have united to officially protect heritage.

Rep. Rodolfo Marcos of the 2nd District wrote me, "I would like to assure you that the historic Dingras church in Ilocos Norte will not be demolished as feared. Instead, a responsible restoration plan will be put in place not only to save the church but also other churches and historical sites in the province needing repair and rehabilitation.

"I have talked with Dingras municipal officials and asked them to advise the parish not to proceed with the demolition pending final discussions with the public and other stakeholders.

"There is a way to restore old structures and historical sites such as what the Indonesian government did with the Borobudur temples and the continuing restoration of the Angkor Wat complex by the Cambodian authorities.

"I have allocated a portion of my development fund to a group and restoration team for all the designated historical sites in Ilocos Norte.

"Furthermore, I also plan to meet with government agencies such as the Department of Tourism and the National Historical Institute to find ways by which a similar restoration team fund can be established to support current efforts to save our heritage sites."

Next week: Ilocos Norte Governor Michael Keon takes action.

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GSIS mounts tribute to Diosdado Lorenzo



DIOSDADO Magno Lorenzo, as interpreted by a UST artist, among works on exhibit

THE GSIS MUSEUM OF ARTS, in connection with the National Arts Month, will inaugurate "Darling, the Painter/Teaching the Master: The Life and Works of Diosdado Magno Lorenzo" on Feb. 27, 3 p.m.

Presented by the [illegible] of Studies Association of the Philippines and the University of Santo Tomas College of Fine Arts and Design (UST-CFAD), the exhibit focuses on Lorenzo's three decades of teaching at UST, where he was mentor to National Artists Arturo Rogerio Ascuana and Ang Kiukok, Ed Defensor, Fruktinolo Lumatonios, Mario Parial, Romulo Olazo, Virginia Ty-Navarro, Oscar de Zuñiga, Renato Villegas, Raul Isidro, Edgar Doctor, Angelito Antonio, Tam Austria, Antonio Austria Jr., Angelito David, Cornelio Mercado, Ed Castrillo, Arturo Rebato, Al Perez, Nestor Gutierrez, Rosario Bitanga, Manuel Baldemor and Benj Regalado.

The exhibit is curated by UST-CFAD faculty member Mary Ann Bulanadi, with research funded by the UST Center for Intercultural Studies in connection with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of UST in 2011.

Mario Parial's 'Dreams of Joy'

By Ruben Ramas Cañete
Contributor

"DREAMS OF JOY" celebrates the new works of veteran expressionist and mall painter Mario Parial.

The show opens Feb. 25, 7 p.m., in Galerie Raphael, 2/L The Fort Strip, Serendra Mall, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig.

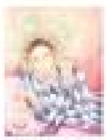
Part of the generation of expressionists coming from the University of Santo Tomas College of Fine Arts during the late 1960s, which include National Artist Ang Kiukok, Leon Paraiso(?), Antonio Austria, Angelito Antonio and Norma Belleza, Parial shows similar concerns of translating the alienating voice of Western Modernism into a distinctly Asian avatar that dispels despair from modern life, converts grief into joy and recapitulates the strength of the rural countryside as the source of spiritual energy, with Nature as its full powers of productive creation.

This is especially seen in the new set of works in which Parial breaks somewhat the grip that his brand of rural women sensitives has sustained in the public imagination since the '80s, and revels instead in the allusions toward the mythological, the art historical, as well as the delight fully realized everyday of carefree innocence.

What makes Parial's "Dreams of Joy" both exciting and worthy of the visit is its evocation toward a legendary tradition in modernist formalism, and the mental transformation and reworking of this practice into the idioms, folkways and traditions that Filipinos, as well as others whose sense of joie de vivre is contemplative, display in every part of their life.

For this, Parial's works challenge the modernist notions of alienation and anti-sociality that have often gripped Filipino art, and allow the community to savor super-dream of its ideal paradise expressed by the elegant found only at the end of isolated introspection.

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HPV vaccination is a wise investment

By Eric Michael Santos

In many ways, his fight against the human papillomavirus (HPV) is personal. "When I was in grade 6, my mother was diagnosed with stage 3 cervical cancer," recounts Dr. Efren Domingo.



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His mother's cancer was eventually controlled with treatment, but the young Domingo's curiosity about cervical cancer was so piqued that the boy did some research and found out that the disease was caused by HPV. His interest in cervical cancer and HPV continued until Domingo became a specialist in women's cancers and one of the principal investigators in research that led to the development of the HPV vaccine.

"The virus is resilient and treacherous," says Dr. Domingo, secretary general of the Asia Oceania Research Organisation in Genital Infections and Neoplasia (AOGIN) and concurrent AOGIN Philippines' president.

After 22 years of remission, his mother's cervical cancer recurred. The virus had bided its time, waiting for the chance when advancing age would inevitably weaken its host's immune system. At age 82, Dr. Domingo's mother succumbed to cervical cancer.

Important differences between two HPV vaccines

"Our generation is lucky to be born in an era when a vaccine that prevents cervical cancer and other HPV-related cancers and diseases is available," says Dr. Domingo.

There are currently two available HPV vaccines. "The bivalent vaccine protects against cervical cancer whereas the quadrivalent vaccine protects against cervical cancer, plus genital warts (which is one of the most prevalent sexually transmitted infections in the world), vaginal cancer, and vulvar cancer," Dr. Domingo notes.

Dr. Domingo points out another important difference. "Clinical studies of the quadrivalent vaccine have endpoints for cervical, vulvar, vaginal, perianal, anal, and penile cancers. Clinical studies of the bivalent vaccine only have endpoints for cervical cancer. Endpoints are important because they prove that a vaccine is efficacious in preventing disease or, in the case of the quadrivalent vaccine, several diseases."

"Only the quadrivalent vaccine was able to demonstrate efficacy against World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended endpoint for assessing vaccine efficacy. It is also the only US FDA-approved HPV vaccine for cervical cancer, genital warts, and other HPV-related diseases," Dr. Domingo adds.

Wise investment

Dr. Domingo favors the more comprehensive protection provided by the quadrivalent vaccine which, he says, prevents more HPV diseases at a proportionately affordable cost. "Over the last 2 years, I have administered 15 doses of the bivalent vaccine and about 300 doses of the quadrivalent vaccine."

HPV diseases can now be prevented through vaccination. Ask your doctor about the vaccine that can protect you from not just one, but four HPV-related diseases (cervical cancer, genital warts, vaginal cancer, and vulvar cancer). For more information, log on to www.hpv.com.ph

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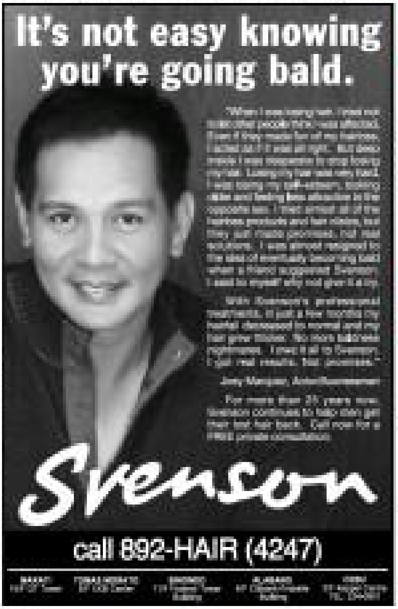




For 'Bad Boy' winner of reality show, fear was never a factor



FOR JOMMY TEOTICO, winner of the ABS-CBN reality show "Pinoy Fear Factor," the toughest challenge came after the competition.

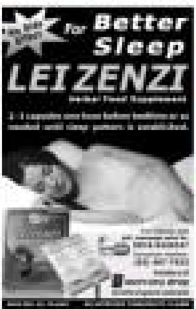






Balladeer says bye to covers









Rowell plays Loydie's 'kuya'

DOLLY WOOD



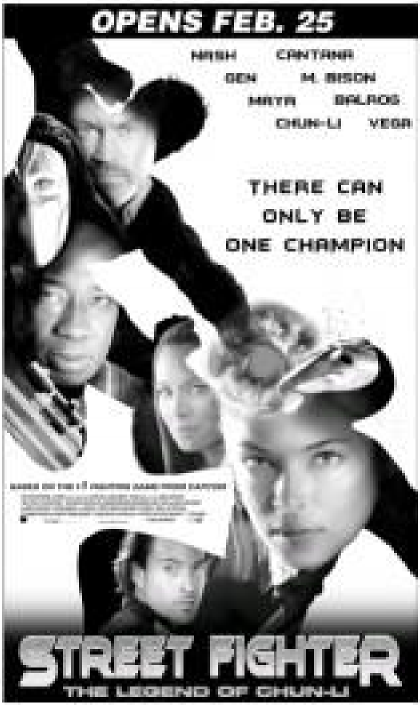
Dolly Anne Carvajal

Reminiscing with Gabby

'Tasya Fantasya' premiere

Medical crossover





CHEER FACTOR THE 81st Academy Awards will be telecast live today on Velvet (Skycable Ch 53) at 9:30 a.m., and on ABS-CBN, 9:45 a.m. Replay on Velvet at 6 p.m, and tomorrow on Studio 23, 7-10 p.m.

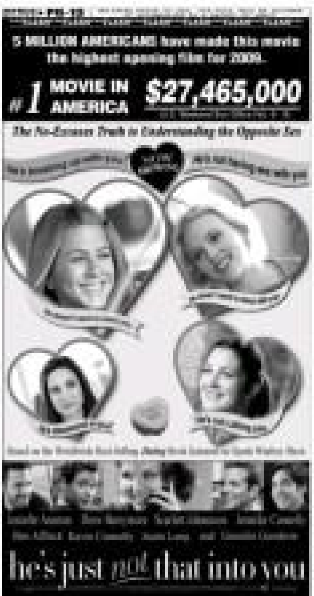
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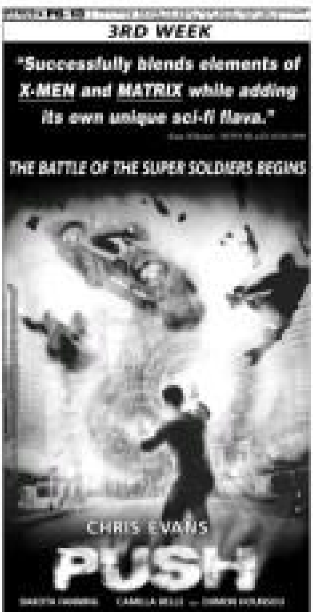


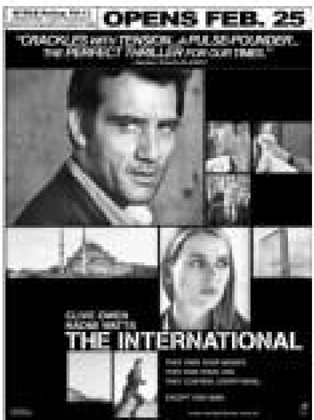












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4 HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU



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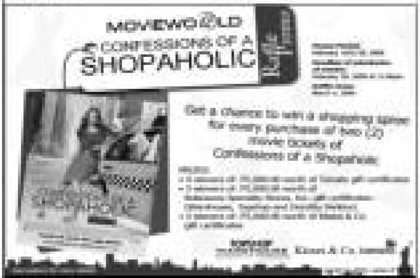
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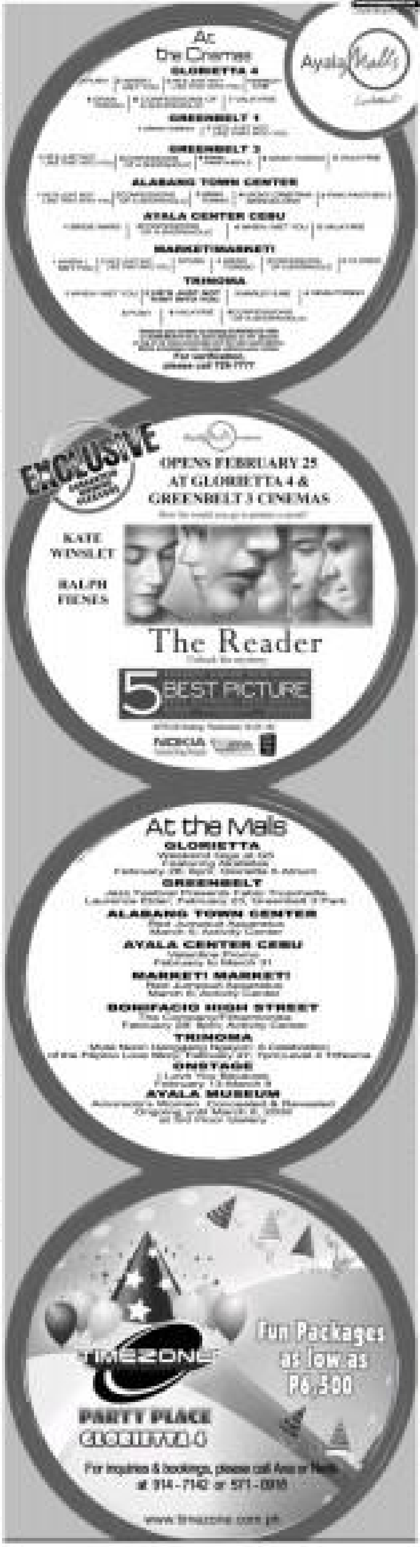
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CHEER FACTOR

Betting fans: Kate will cry

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For 'Bad Boy' . . .

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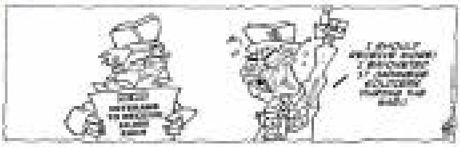
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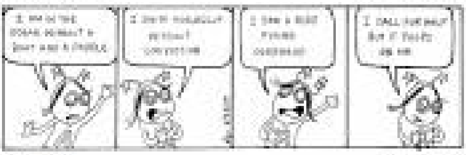
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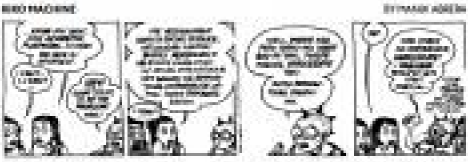
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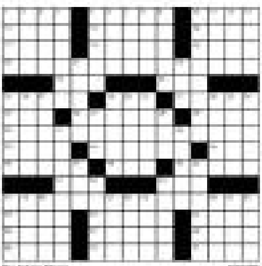
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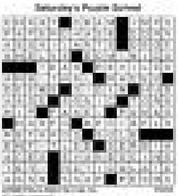
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DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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4		9				5		1
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Difficulty Level ●

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle


HOLIDAY SURPRIZES
EVERYBODY WINS!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!
Grand Prize Winner of P1,000,000
Zenaida Rabonsa
BF Resort, Las Pinas City
Weekly Winners of P100,000
Christopher H. Mendoza
Gen. Trias, Cavite
Elvie P. Maligaya
Sta. Maria, Bulacan
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Valenzuela City
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MOHUNONG ANG INYONG KALIBUTAN KARONG GABII
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TOTOY BATO
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LEARNING



ATRIEV's founding president Tony Llenos and training instructor ... both blind, use computers at work.

Samsung Hope involves Filipinos in its CSR by allowing them to pledge the company's donations to any of three education-centered NGOs

Choose your cause

YOU ARE RIGHT IF you think education has become a cool cause for advocacy. Many private corporations have decided to pitch in on the effort to improve the quality of education in the country. That's why there are literacy campaigns, teacher trainings and computer donations going on everywhere.



DON Bosco Foundation equips young men with skills in operating machinery.

Hope for the blind

Programs for poor youth

Learning by tele



KNOWLEDGE Channel Foundation volunteers spruce up a classroom.



PNU hosts young leaders in Cadiz

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Indian ambassador visits Miriam

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San Sebastian gets level 3 accreditation

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UA&P holds conference on Spanish colonial Philippines

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US-based writer-poet lectures at TIP

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Kumon holds Vision Seminar

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Concert for FAITH chapel

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UPOU hosts forum on distance learning

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La Salle invites teachers of Filipino

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CEU Manila, Malolos graduates top dentistry exams

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Reedley students stage major musical show

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Fatima holds med tech students congress

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Araneta at Trinity

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PWU's new program

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Healing Mass at Adamson

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Fr. Suarez

EUREKA! *Queena N. Lee-Chua*



Let's hear it from the readers

Science exam answers

FOOTNOTES



Distance learning for day care children



English program for Korean students

IIE Lesson Plan Contest

September winner teaches with editorial cartoons



LEONILA Libreno

Dennis Jay Santos

October winner: Meant to teach



Kids warm up to environmental issues







Role playing

Four modules

Saving the planet



EARTH EXPO LAUNCHED

School council

Neighborhood effort



Search on for best school forest park